

Table 1 Comparisons of morphological characters of *Plesionika spinipes*, *P. grandis* and *P. quasigrandis*.

<i>Plesionika spinipes</i> Spence Bate, 1888*	<i>Plesionika grandis</i> Doflein, 1902*	<i>Plesionika quasigrandis</i> Chace, 1985 (Present study)
Rostrum with 46-54 dorsal and 24-36 ventral teeth.	Rostrum with 26-51 dorsal and 19-35 ventral teeth.	Rostrum with 40-49 dorsal and 31-40 ventral teeth.
Posterior 10 ventral rostral teeth usually corresponding to dorsal teeth.	Posterior 10 ventral rostral teeth usually corresponding to 9-14 dorsal teeth.	Posterior 10 ventral rostral teeth corresponding to 6- 8 dorsal teeth.
Stylocerite sharply acute and with outer margin not curved upwards.	Stylocerite sharply acute and with outer margin not curved upwards.	Stylocerite sharply acute and with outer margin barely curving upward.
Penultimate segment of third maxilliped 1.6-2times longer than terminal segment.	Penultimate segment of third maxilliped 1.55-1.85times longer than terminal segment.	Penultimate segment of third maxilliped 1.2 -1.4 times longer than terminal segment.
Carpus of first pereopod 0.85-1.05 times as long as carapace.	Carpus of first pereopod 0.9-1 times as long as carapace.	Carpus of first pereopod 0.85-0.90 times as long as carapace.
Dactylus of third pereopod elongated and conical and 1/7-1/13 times as long as propodus.	Dactylus of third pereopod elongated and conical or somewhat paddle shape and 1/4-1/7 times as long as propodus.	Dactylus of third pereopod rather paddle shape and 1/3-1/7 times as long as propodus.
Telson 1.1-1.3 times longer than sixth abdominal somite.	Telson 1.1-1.4 times longer than sixth abdominal somite.	Telson 1.2-1.4 times longer than sixth abdominal somite.
Wider longitudinal red strips present on each side of abdomen.	Narrow longitudinal red strips on each side of abdomen.	No strips on the abdomen.

*Source (Chan and Crosnier, 1991)